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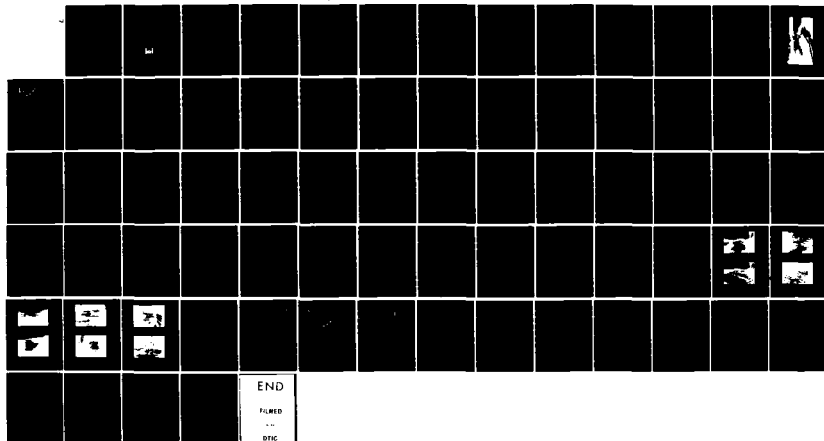
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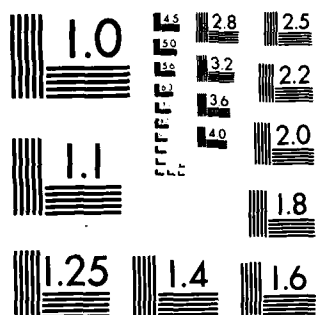
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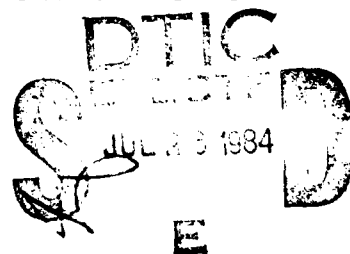
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Honorable William A. O'Neill
Governor of the State of Connecticut
State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Dear Governor O'Neill:

Inclosed is a copy of the Lower Hart Pond Dam (CT-00247) Phase I Inspection Report, which was prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. This report is presented for your use and is based upon a visual inspection, a review of the past performance and a brief hydrological study of the dam. A brief assessment is included at the beginning of the report. I have approved the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7 and ask that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement them. This follow-up action is a vitally important part of this program.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection, the cooperating agency for the State of Connecticut. In addition, a copy of the report has also been furnished the owner, New Britain Water Department, 1000 Shuttle Meadow Avenue, New Britain, Connecticut 06052.

Copies of this report will be made available to the public, upon request, by this office under the Freedom of Information Act. In the case of this report the release date will be thirty days from the date of this letter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Department of Environmental Protection for your cooperation in carrying out this program.

Sincerely,

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Identification Number:	CT 00247
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BRIEF ASSESSMENT

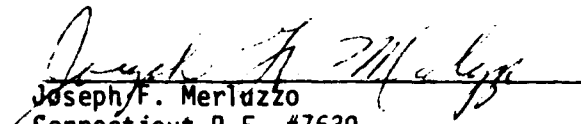
The Lower Hart Pond Dam is an earth embankment that is approximately 1,420 feet long and 17.8 feet high. The embankment has 2.5:1 side slopes on the upstream and downstream faces with riprap protection on the upstream face. The spillway is located through the midsection of the dam and consists of a 30-foot long concrete weir. There are two 12-inch low-level discharge pipes that pass through the base of the dam. The gates for operating the discharge pipes are located in manholes on the downstream slope. There is also a 12-inch discharge pipe passing through the base of the spillway. These discharge pipes are used to drain the pond. The gates, however, have never been operated. Lower Hart Pond is used for water supply by the City of New Britain, Connecticut. The drainage area is 2.0 square miles and the reservoir has 825 acre-feet of storage capacity.

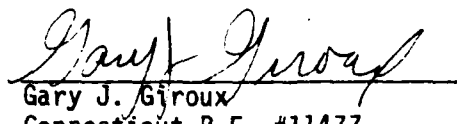
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The dam is classified as SMALL and has a HIGH hazard potential in accordance with guidelines established by the Corps of Engineers. The test flood for this dam ranges from 1/2 the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) to the PMF. The test flood for this dam is 1/2 the PMF and is calculated to be 1,020 cfs. The test flood outflow will not overtop the dam and will leave 0.4 feet of freeboard.

It is recommended that the owner engage the services of a qualified registered engineer experienced in the design of dams to investigate the seepage through the dam, investigate the depression at the outlet of the discharge pipe, supervise the removal of trees from the embankment, and study the possibility of putting the control gate on the upstream side of the embankment. It is also recommended that the owner remove brush from the upstream face, repair the discharge gate, check the erosion on the embankment, establish a formal warning system and initiate a maintenance program and an annual technical inspection.

The Owner should implement the recommendations and remedial measures described above and in greater detail in Section 7 within one year after receipt of this Phase I Inspection Report.


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This Phase I Inspection Report on Lower Hart Pond Dam has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgment and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.

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PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Inspections. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Inspection is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigations and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Inspection; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I Inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established guidelines, the Spillway Test Flood is based on the estimated Probable Maximum Flood for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and variety of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

The Phase I Inspection does not include an assessment of the need for fences, gates, "no trespassing" signs, repairs to existing fences and railings and other items which may be needed to minimize trespass and provide greater security for the facility and safety to the public. An evaluation of the project for compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) rules and regulations is also excluded.

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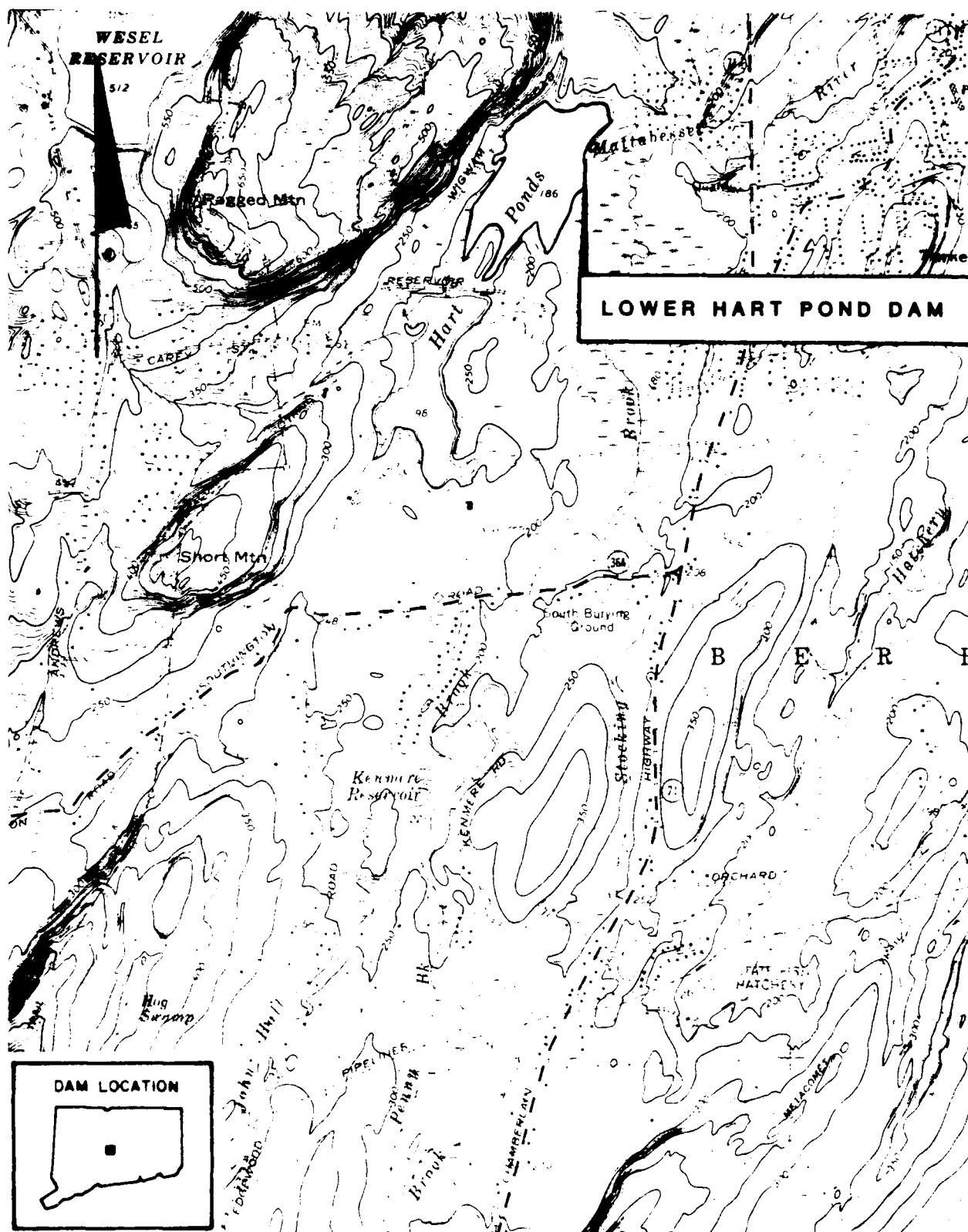
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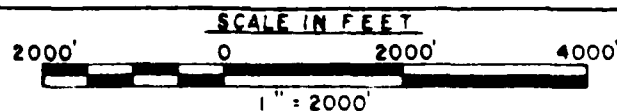


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LOCATION MAP

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SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

a. Authority - Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972 authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspections throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Storch Engineers has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of Connecticut. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to Storch Engineers under a letter of October 30, 1980 from William E. Hodgson, Jr., Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW33-80-C-0035 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

b. Purpose of Inspection -

(1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-Federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-Federal interests.

(2) Encourage and prepare the states to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-Federal dams.

(3) To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

1.2 Description of Project

a. Location - Lower Hart Pond Dam is situated just north of Reservoir Road approximately 1/2 mile west of Route 71A in the Town of Berlin, Hartford County, Connecticut (See Location Map). The dam is located on the Mattabasset

River in the Connecticut River Basin. The coordinates of the dam are approximately 41°-37.15' north latitude and 72°-48.15' west longitude.

b. Description of Dam and Appurtenances - Lower Hart Pond Dam is an earth embankment that is approximately 1,420 feet long and 17.8 feet high. The embankment slope on both the upstream and downstream faces is 2.5:1. The upstream face is protected with modified riprap, the downstream face is covered with grass. An unpaved road runs along the crest.

The spillway is located approximately 500 feet from the north end of the dam and consists of a 30-foot long concrete weir. The south side of the spillway channel has a concrete retaining wall and the north side is bedrock. The length of the channel is approximately 100 feet.

A gate on the upstream face of the spillway weir controls a 12-inch discharge pipe that passes through the base of the spillway. Two 12-inch low-level discharge pipes pass through the base of the dam with control gates in two manholes located on the downstream slope of the embankment. Since the gates were put in they have never been used.

c. Size Classification - Lower Hart Pond Dam has a maximum height of 17.8 feet and a maximum storage capacity of 445 acre-feet at the top of the dam. In accordance with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams established by the Corps of Engineers, the dam is classified as SMALL (height less than 40 feet, storage less than 1,000 acre-feet).

d. Hazard Classification - Lower Hart Pond Dam is classified as having a HIGH hazard potential. Failure of the dam could result in the loss of more than a few lives and cause significant property damage. Approximately 3,400 feet downstream, the flood wave would strike three houses. The first floor sills of the houses are approximately 21 feet above the streambed. Estimated flows and

water depths at this location just prior to dam failure is 1,200 cfs and 10.5 feet and just after dam failure is 8,420 cfs and 23.7 feet. Therefore, the water level would rise approximately 2.7 feet above each first floor sill.

e. Ownership - Lower Hart Pond Dam is owned by the City of New Britain, Connecticut. The mailing address is:

New Britain Water Department
1000 Shuttle Meadow Avenue
New Britain, Connecticut 06052

f. Operator - The person in charge of the day-to-day operation of the dam is:

Mr. Harold Olsen
New Britain Water Department
1000 Shuttle Meadow Avenue
New Britain, Connecticut 06052

g. Purpose of Dam - The dam impounds Lower Hart Pond which is used for water supply by the City of New Britain.

h. Design and Construction History - Lower Hart Pond Dam was constructed around 1920. No original construction information is available. In 1971, the dam was reconstructed by Piedmont Construction, Newington, Connecticut. Design was performed by Malcolm Pirnie Engineers, White Plains, New York. Design information is available from the Owner.

i. Normal Operational Procedure - Water level in Lower Hart Pond is controlled by flow over the spillway. The only periodic dam maintenance is grass cutting.

1.3 Pertinent Data

a. Drainage Area - The Lower Hart Pond drainage basin is located in the Towns of Berlin and Southington and is irregular in shape. The area of the drainage basin is 2.0 square miles (Appendix D - Plate 3). Approximately 15 percent of the drainage basin is natural storage and approximately 90 percent is

undeveloped. The topography is rolling with elevations ranging from 760 (NGVD) to 187 (NGVD) at the spillway crest.

b. Discharge at Damsite - There are no records available for discharge at the dam.

(1) Outlet works (conduit) size:	12 inches
Invert elevation (feet above NGVD):	180.0
Discharge Capacity at top of dam:	10 cfs
(2) Maximum known flood at damsite:	unknown
(3) Ungated spillway capacity at top of dam:	1,200 cfs
Elevation (NGVD):	191.8
(4) Ungated spillway capacity at test flood elevation:	320 cfs
Elevation (NGVD):	189
(5) Gated spillway capacity at normal pool elevation:	N/A
Elevation (NGVD):	N/A
(6) Gated spillway capacity at test flood elevation:	N/A
Elevation (NGVD):	N/A
(7) Total Spillway capacity at test flood elevation:	320 cfs
Elevation (NGVD):	189
(8) Total project discharge at top of dam:	1,210 cfs
Elevation (NGVD):	191.8
(9) Total project discharge at test flood elevation:	330 cfs
Elevation (NGVD):	189

c. Elevation (feet above NGVD)		
(1) Streambed at toe of dam:		174
(2) Bottom of cutoff:		none
(3) Maximum tailwater:		176
(4) Normal pool:		187
(5) Full flood control pool:		N/A
(6) Spillway crest (ungated):		187.0
(7) Design surcharge		188.7
(8) Top of dam:		191.8
(9) Test flood surcharge:		189.0
d. Reservoir (length in feet)		
(1) Normal pool:		3,000
(2) Flood control pool:		N/A
(3) Spillway crest pool:		3,000
(4) Top of dam:		3,200
(5) Test flood pool:		3,100
e. Storage (acre-feet)		
(1) Normal pool:		245
(2) Flood control pool:		N/A
(3) Spillway crest pool:		245
(4) Top of dam:		825
(5) Test flood pool:		382
f. Reservoir Surface (acres)		
(1) Normal pool:		50
(2) Flood control pool:		N/A
(3) Spillway crest:		50

	(4) Test flood pool:	52
	(5) Top of dam:	55
g.	Dam	
	(1) Type:	earth embankment
	(2) Length:	1,420 feet
	(3) Height:	17.8 feet
	(4) Top width:	12 feet
	(5) Side slopes:	2.5:1
	(6) Zoning:	none
	(7) Impervious core:	none
	(8) Cutoff:	none
	(9) Grout curtain:	none
	(10) Other:	N/A
h.	Diversion and Regulating Tunnel:	N/A
i.	Spillway	
	(1) Type:	concrete-ogee
	(2) Length of weir:	30 feet
	(3) Crest elevation	187.0
	(4) Gates:	N/A
	(5) U/S Channel:	30 feet wide
		30 feet long
	(6) D/S Channel:	30 feet wide
		100 feet long
	(7) General:	N/A
j.	Regulating Outlets	
	(1) Invert elevation (NVGD):	180.0
	(2) Size:	12 inches

(3) Description:

two cast iron pipes

(4) Control Mechanism:

manually operated gate

(5) Other:

gate never operated

SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design Data

There are no design computations or drawings available for the original dam; however, there are drawings of the dam reconstruction of 1971. These drawings show plans and sections of the dam as well as details of the spillway. The drawings were prepared by Malcolm Pirnie Engineers, White Plains, New York.

2.2 Construction Data

The original dam was constructed around 1920 and reconstructed in 1971. The reconstruction was done by Piedmont Construction, Newington, Connecticut. There are no records available for either the original construction or the reconstruction of the dam.

2.3 Operation Data

The gates for the low-level discharge pipes have never been operated, and it is not known if they can operate properly. The discharge pipes through the dam are under a constant head at all times.

2.4 Evaluation of Data

a. Availability - There were no computations available, however, drawings of the reconstruction are available. These drawings can be obtained from the Water Department, City of New Britain.

b. Adequacy - The information made available along with the visual inspection, past performance history and hydraulic/hydrologic computations were adequate to assess the condition of the facility.

c. Validity - The drawings were assumed to be based on a valid design and the visual inspection verified that at least the outer limits and appurtenant structures of the dam were built as shown on the drawings.

SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings

a. General - The visual inspection was conducted on October 21, 1980 by members of the engineering staff of Storch Engineers, D. Baugh and Associates, Inc. and Matthews Associates with the help of Mr. Harold Olson of the New Britain Water Department. A copy of the visual inspection checklist is contained in Appendix A of this report. Selected photos of the dam and appurtenant structures are contained in Appendix C.

In general, the overall appearance and condition of the facility and its appurtenant structures is FAIR.

b. Dam - The dam is an earth embankment. The downstream face is well vegetated with grass and some brush (Photos 1 and 3) and the slopes are 2.5:1. Along the toe of the dam, there are trees and brush which obscured the view of the toe (Photos 1 and 3). The upstream face is in good condition with no signs of distress. Also, there are several areas on the upstream embankment where brush and small trees are growing (Photos 1 and 2). The riprap protection shows no signs of erosion or sloughing (Photo 2). Along the southern abutment of the spillway and on the upstream face of the dam, there is evidence of erosion from rain water running off the top of the dam. The top of the dam is level with no signs of settlement.

Just below the toe of the dam and in the vicinity of the outlet of the low-level discharge pipes, there is a seepage flow (Photo 4), the amount of which could not be determined (See Photo Location Map - Plate 3 for location). This flow is clear and shows no signs of particle movement. Also, the outlet of the low-level discharge pipes could not be found. However, in the approximate vicinity

where the outlet should be, according to the plans, there is now a depression (Photo 3 - See Location Map - Plate 3 for location).

c. Appurtenant Structures - There are two 12-inch low-level discharge pipes that to pass through the base of the dam. Controls for these pipes are in manholes on the downstream side of the embankment. The location of the outlets could not be found. There is also a discharge pipe through the spillway, but the inlet is silted up and its condition unknown (Plate 2 - Spillway and Drain Detail, Photo 8).

The spillway is a concrete ogee weir that is in fair condition (Photos 5 through 9). The downstream channel is a bedrock channel that is 30 feet wide. The south side of the channel has a concrete training wall approximately 100 feet long. The downstream side of the spillway is being undermined and an attempt to correct the problem with concrete has been made (Photo 6). There is also some undermining at the spillway's north abutment (Photo 7). The downstream spillway training wall is in fair condition and in one spot it to is being undermined (Photo 5).

d. Reservoir Area - The area immediately adjacent to the facility is gently sloped and in a natural state. The shoreline shows no signs of sloughing or erosion. There is no development adjacent to the reservoir. A rapid rise in the water level of the reservoir will not endanger any life or property.

e. Downstream Channel - The spillway channel is not well defined and is overgrown (Photo 10).

3.2 Evaluation

Overall, the general condition of the dam is fair. The visual inspection revealed items that lead to this assessment such as:

a. Seepage through the embankment in the vicinity of the low-level discharge pipes and along the toe;

- b. Inoperable low-level discharge pipes;
- c. A depression at the outlet of the discharge pipes;
- d. Vegetation on the upstream and downstream face and along the toe of the dam;
- e. Undermining of the spillway and training wall.

SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

4.1 Operational Procedures

a. General - The operation of this facility is for water supply and the reservoir is kept at or above the spillway crest. The water is pumped to Wesel Reservoir. The twin 12-inch low-level discharge pipes through the dam have never been used and their condition is unknown. The 12-inch discharge pipe through the spillway has no apparent use. Water levels are observed on a daily basis and more frequently during heavy rain.

b. Description of any Warning System in Effect - There is no warning system in effect for this dam.

4.2 Maintenance Procedures

a. General - Only grass is cut on a regular basis.

b. Operating Facilities - Gates at the dam have never been operated.

4.3 Evaluation

The maintenance of the dam is less than adequate in that proper care of the dam embankment should be on a regular basis. Gates should be maintained in working order and there should be a proper operating procedure and warning system in effect.

SECTION 5 - EVALUATION OF HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC FEATURES

5.1 General

The Lower Hart Pond Dam is an earth embankment approximately 1,420 feet long and 17.8 feet high. The spillway is a concrete ogee weir, 30 feet long. The downstream channel is 30 feet wide and is bedrock with a concrete wall. Twin 12-inch discharge pipes pass through the base of the dam. The gates to the discharge pipes have never been used.

The watershed encompasses 2.0 square miles and is 90 percent undeveloped. Water flowing into Lower Hart Pond is controlled by Upper Hart Pond and when Wesel Reservoir was constructed, the flow from its drainage area was diverted into another basin. The topography is rolling with the terrain rising 575 feet from the spillway crest.

The pond has a total capacity of approximately 245 acre-feet at the spillway crest and approximately 825 acre-feet at the top of the embankment.

5.2 Design Data

Design data for the dam is available from the New Britain Water Department. Data includes hydraulic/hydrologic computations by Malcolm Pirnie Engineers.

5.3 Experience Data

Since the dam was rebuilt in 1971 it has experienced the major storms of January and February 1978 and January 1979. The flood of record in the Berlin area resulted from the storm of September, 1938. The reconstructed dam has never been overtopped.

5.4 Test Flood Analysis

Based on the guidelines found in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the dam is classified as a SMALL structure with a HIGH

hazard potential. The test flood for these conditions ranges from 1/2 the PMF to the PMF. One-half the PMF was used because of the dams small size.

Using guide curves established by the Corps of Engineers (rolling terrain), the test flood inflow is 1,435 cfs. The routing procedure established by the Corps' guidelines gives an approximate outflow of 1,020 cfs. The spillway capacity of the dam is approximately 1,200 cfs or 117 percent of the routed test flood outflow. The test flood will not overtop the dam and will have 0.4 feet of freeboard.

In the development of the test flood inflow, it was assumed that the peak outflow from Upper Hart Pond Dam and the peak runoff from the independent watershed occurred at the same time. This simplified the development of the peak inflow, the routing through the dam and the peak outflow for Lower Hart Pond Dam.

The pond is used for water supply and because of this the water level is kept high as possible, therefore the storage behind the dam was assumed to begin at the spillway crest. Storage capacity and discharge curves were obtained from the New Britain Water Department records.

5.5 Dam Failure Analysis

A dam failure analysis was performed using the Rule of Thumb method in accordance with guidelines established by the Corps of Engineers. Failure was assumed to occur when the water level in the reservoir was at the top of the dam.

The spillway discharge just prior to dam failure is 1,200 cfs and the calculated dam failure discharge is 20,200 cfs.

Failure of Lower Hart Pond Dam could result in the loss of more than a few lives and cause significant property damage. Approximately 3,400 feet downstream, the flood wave would strike three houses. The first floor sill of the

houses are approximately 21 feet above the streambed. Estimated flow and water depth at this location just prior to dam failure is 1,200 cfs and 10.5 feet and just after dam failure is 8,420 cfs and 23.7 feet. Therefore, the water level would rise approximately 2.7 feet above each first floor sill. High depths of flow at this location are a consequence of the culvert under Route 71.

SECTION 6 - EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Visual Observations

The general structural stability of the dam is good as evidenced by the vertical, horizontal and lateral alignment of the embankment. The embankment has a good vegetative cover and the riprap protection on the upstream face is in good condition. The spillway channel is in fair condition with several areas that are being undermined. Presently, this condition is not detrimental to the spillway structure, but continued undermining will create future problems.

A possible problem area is the pressurized twin 12-inch low-level discharge pipes. Controls for these gates should be on the upstream side of the embankment and not on the downstream side. Also at the outlet of the twin 12-inch low-level discharge pipes there is a depression in the embankment. The cause of this depression should be determined.

6.2 Design and Construction Data

The only construction data available was in the form of drawings. Design computations can be obtained from the designer. No construction reports are available.

6.3 Post-Construction Changes

Since its reconstruction in 1971, no post-construction changes have been made.

6.4 Seismic Stability

The dam is located in Seismic Zone 1 and in accordance with Recommended Phase I Guidelines does not warrant a seismic analysis.

SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment

a. Condition - After considering the available information, the results of the inspection, contacts with the owner and hydraulic/hydrologic computations, the general condition of the Lower Hart Pond Dam is FAIR.

b. Adequacy of Information - The information available is such that an assessment of the safety of the dam was based on the available data, the visual inspection results, past operational performance of the dam and its appurtenant structures and computations developed for this report.

c. Urgency - It is considered that the recommendations suggested below should be implemented within one year after receipt of this Phase I Inspection Report.

7.2 Recommendations

The following recommendations should be carried out under the direction of a qualified registered engineer.

a. Seepage through the dam embankment in the vicinity of the low-level discharge pipe and along the toe of the dam should be investigated further to determine its origin and monitored to determine any changes.

b. The cause of the depression and the potential for piping or sloughing of the embankment at the outlet of the discharge pipe should be studied.

c. Trees including stumps and root systems should be removed from the embankment slopes and within 20 feet of the toe and backfilled with proper material.

d. The feasibility of putting the control gate to the discharge pipe on the upstream side of the dam should be studied.

e. The cause and extent of the undermining of the spillway and training wall should be investigated.

7.3 Remedial Measures

a. Operation and Maintenance Procedures -

(1) Grass should be maintained and brush should be removed on the upstream and downstream face of the dam. This will facilitate the visual observation of existing and potential seepage.

(2) Brush and debris should be removed from the spillway discharge channel.

(3) Discharge gate and pipe should be operated to determine its condition.

(4) Erosion from water running off the top of the dam, adjacent to the south spillway abutment, should be corrected by raising the ground to the proper grade with a compacted topsoil base and by establishing a tight grass cover.

(5) A formal downstream warning system should be put into operation for use in the event of an emergency.

(6) Plans for a regular program of operation and maintenance at the dam should be initiated.

(7) A program of annual technical inspection should be established.

7.4 Alternatives

There are no practical alternatives to the above recommendations.

APPENDIX A
INSPECTION CHECK LIST

INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PARTY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT Lower Hart Pond Dam

DATE 11/26/80

TIDE 10:00 a.m.

WEATHER Overcast, low 60's

W.S. ELEV. _____ U.S. _____ DN.S. _____

PARTY:

1. Gary Giroux, SE, Hyd./Struct.

6. _____

2. Ken Pudeler, SE, Civil

7. _____

3. Ben Cohen, SE, Civil

8. _____

4. Mike Pozzato, MA, Mech.

9. _____

5. Floyd Austin, DBA, Civil

10. _____

PROJECT FEATURE

INSPECTED BY

REMARKS

1. Dam Embankment

K. Pudeler
F. Austin

Fair

2. Mechanical

M. Pozzato

Condition Unknown

3. Spillway

G. Giroux
B. Cohen

Fair

4. Discharge Channel

G. Giroux
B. Cohen

Good

5. _____

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PROJECT Lower Hart Pond Dam

DATE 11/26/80

PROJECT FEATURE _____

NAME _____

DISCIPLINE _____

NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITIONS
<u>DAM EMBANKMENT</u>	
Crest Elevation	191.8 (NGVD)
Current Pool Elevation	182.0 (NGVD)
Maximum Impoundment to Date	Unknown
Surface Cracks	N/A
Pavement Condition	N/A
Movement or Settlement of Crest	None
Lateral Movement	None
Vertical Alignment	Good
Horizontal Alignment	Good
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	Good
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	None
Trespassing on Slopes	Problem
Vegetation on Slopes	Many 2-3' stumps in upstream embankment
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	Erosion around south spillway abutment and undermining of north spillway abutment
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures	None
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or near Toes	None
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	Pond water level down but swamp grass along downstream toe at many locations. One spot where water was seeping
Piping or Boils	None
Foundation Drainage Features	None
Toe Drains	None
Instrumentation System	None

INSPECTION CHECK LIST**PROJECT** Lower Hart Pond Dam**DATE** 11/26/80**PROJECT FEATURE** _____**NAME** _____**DISCIPLINE** _____**NAME** _____**AREA EVALUATED****CONDITION****CUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND
INTAKE STRUCTURE**

N/A

a. Approach Channel

Slope Conditions

Bottom Conditions

Rock Slides or Falls

Log Boom

Debris

Condition of Concrete Lining

Drains or Weep Holes

b. Intake Structure

Condition of Concrete

Stop Logs and Slots

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PROJECT Lower Hart Pond Dam

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NAME _____

DISCIPLINE _____

NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED

CONDITION

OUTLET WORKS - CONTROL TOWER

a. Concrete and Structural

N/A

General Condition

Condition of Joints

Spalling

Visible Reinforcing

Rusting or Staining of Concrete

Any Seepage or Efflorescence

Joint Alignment

Unusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate Chamber

Cracks

Rusting or Corrosion of Steel

b. Mechanical and Electrical

Air Vents

Float Wells

Crane Hoist

Elevator

Hydraulic System

Service Gates

Emergency Gates

Lightning Protection System

Emergency Power System

Wiring and Lighting System in Gate Chamber

Manually operated gate regulates low level discharge pipe below spillway. Gate inoperable - partially buried under riprap.

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PROJECT FEATURE _____

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NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED**CONDITION****OUTLET WORKS - TRANSITION AND CONDUIT**

N/A

General Condition of Concrete

Rust or Staining on Concrete

Spalling

Erosion or Cavitation

Cracking

Alignment of Monoliths

Alignment of Joints

Numbering of Monoliths

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NAME _____

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NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS</u>	
a. Approach Channel	
General Condition	Fair
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	None
Trees Overhanging Channel	None
Floor of Approach Channel	Good
b. Weir and Training Walls	
General Condition of Concrete	Good although north abutment undermined
Rust or Staining	Some staining
Spalling	Minimal
Any Visible Reinforcing	None
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	Channel is dry-no evidence of seepage
Drain Holes	None
c. Discharge Channel	
General Condition	Good although erosion has exposed footing of south training wall
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	None
Trees Overhanging Channel	None
Floor of Channel	None
Other Obstructions	None

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AREA EVALUATED

CONDITION

OUTLET WORKS - OUTLET STRUCTURE AND OUTLET CHANNEL

N/A

General Condition of Concrete

Rust or Staining

Spalling

Erosion or Cavitation

Visible Reinforcing

Any Seepage or Efflorescence

Condition at Joints

Drain holes

Channel

Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging
Channel

Condition of Discharge Channel

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AREA EVALUATED

CONDITION

OUTLET WORKS - SERVICE BRIDGE

N/A

a. Super Structure

Bearings

Anchor Bolts

Bridge Seat

Longitudinal Members

Under Side of Deck

Secondary Bracing

Deck

Drainage System

Railings

Expansion Joints

Paint

b. Abutment & Piers

General Condition of Concrete

Alignment of Abutment

Approach to Bridge

Condition of Seat & Backwall

APPENDIX B

ENGINEERING DATA

Any information pertaining to the history, maintenance and past inspection reports are located at:

State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental
Protection
Water Resources Unit
State Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06115

Plans are located at:

New Britain Water Department
City of New Britain
1000 Shuttle Meadow Avenue
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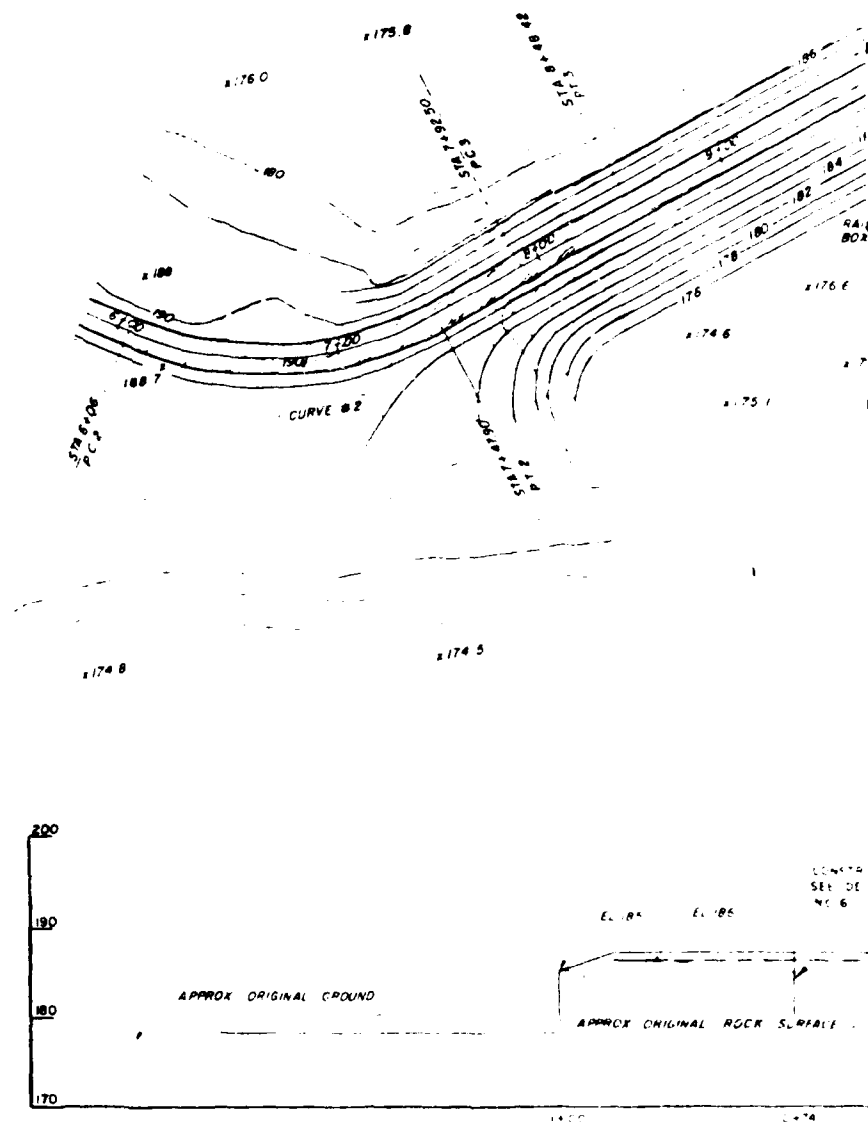
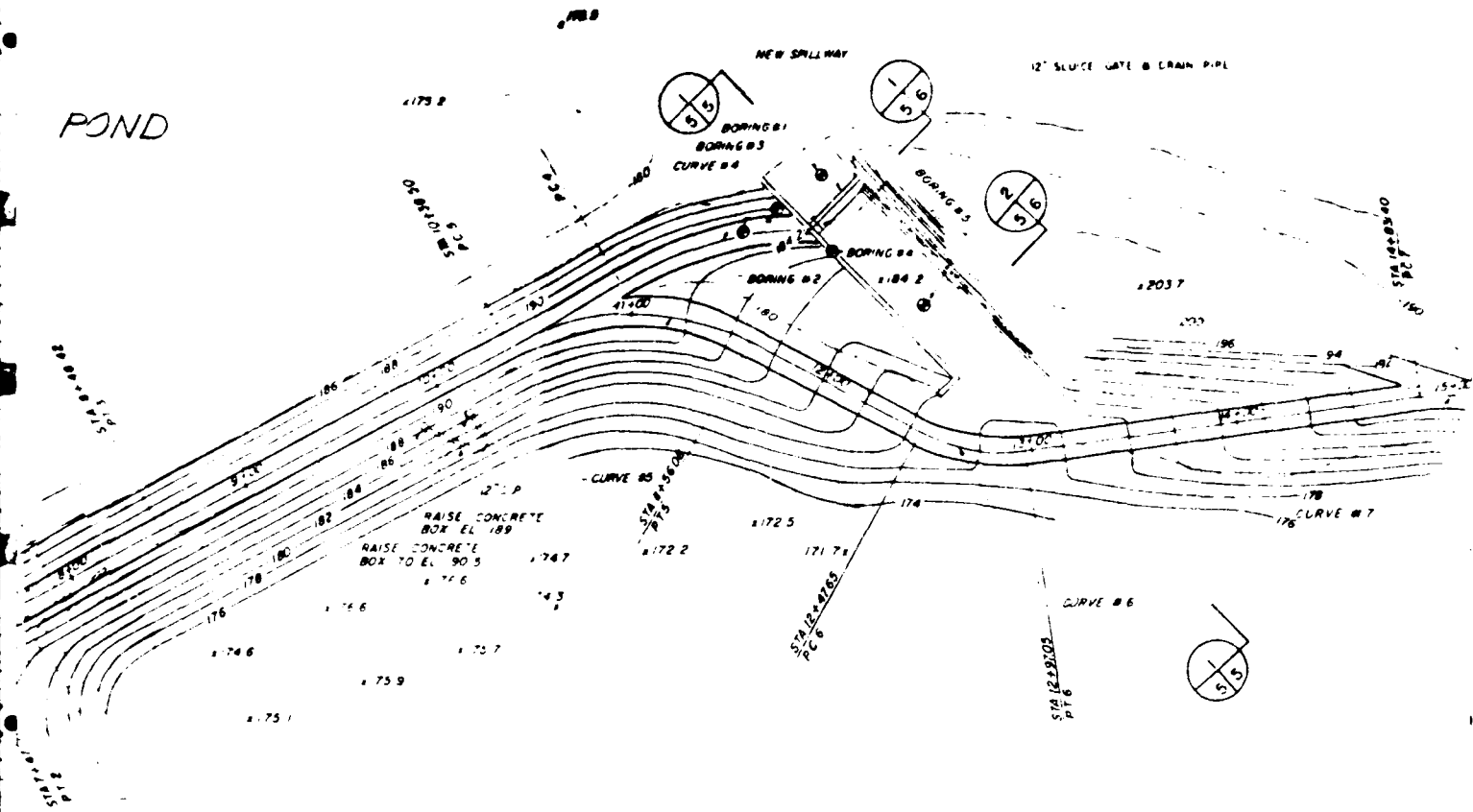


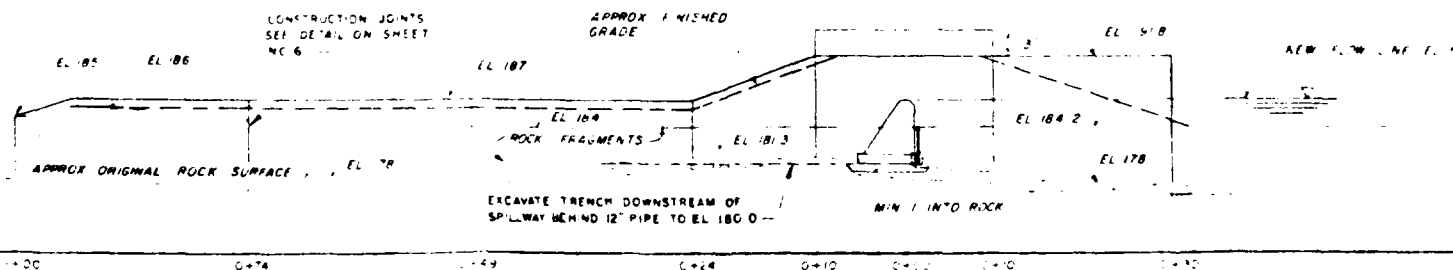
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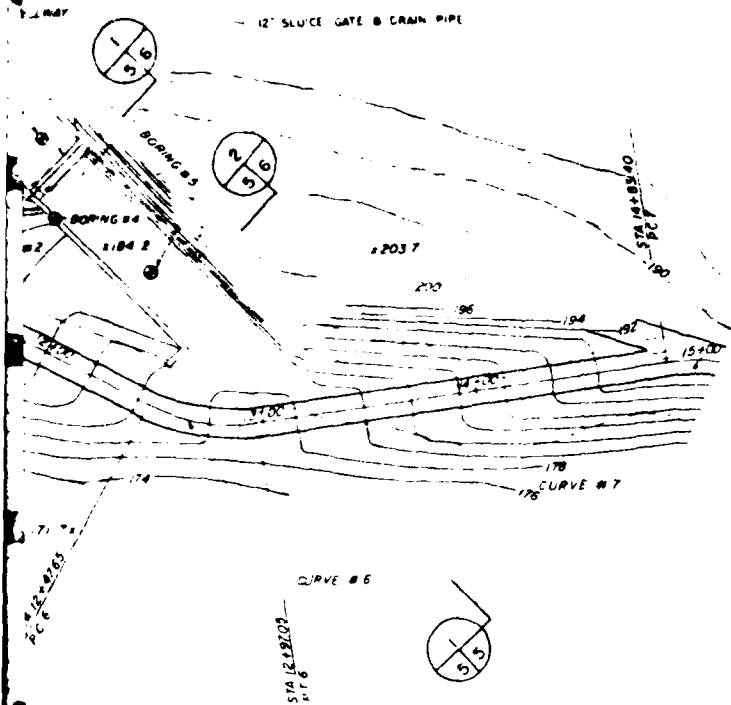
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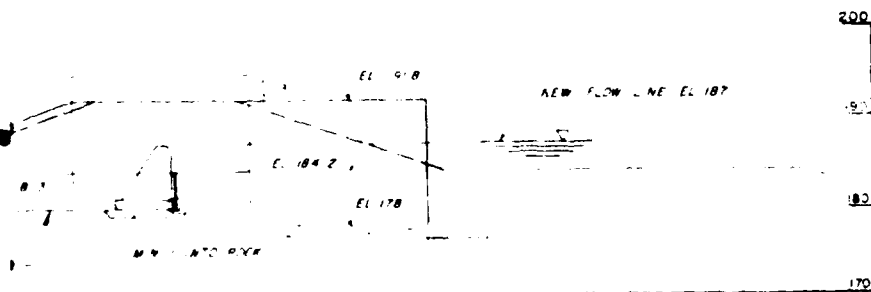


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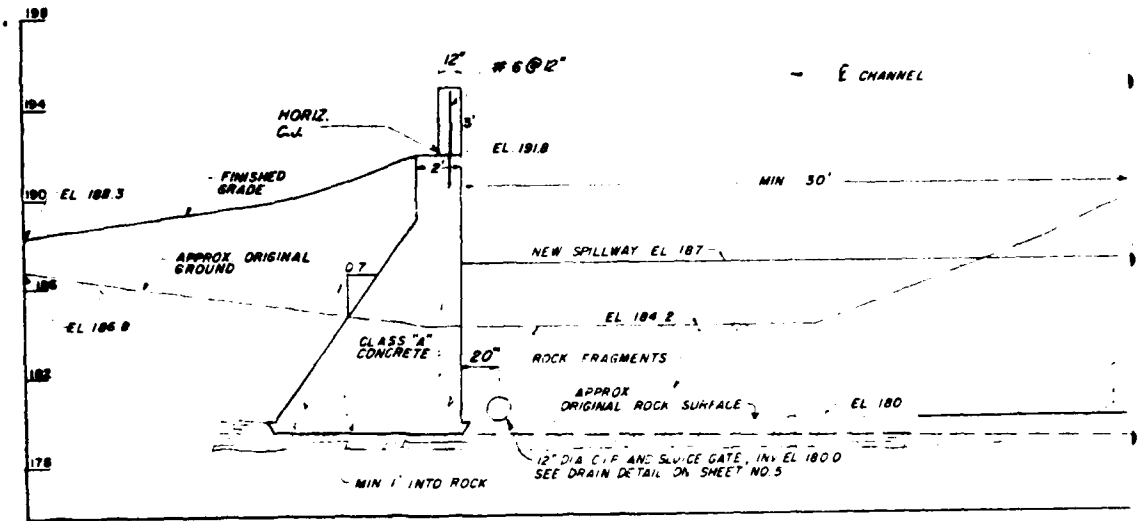
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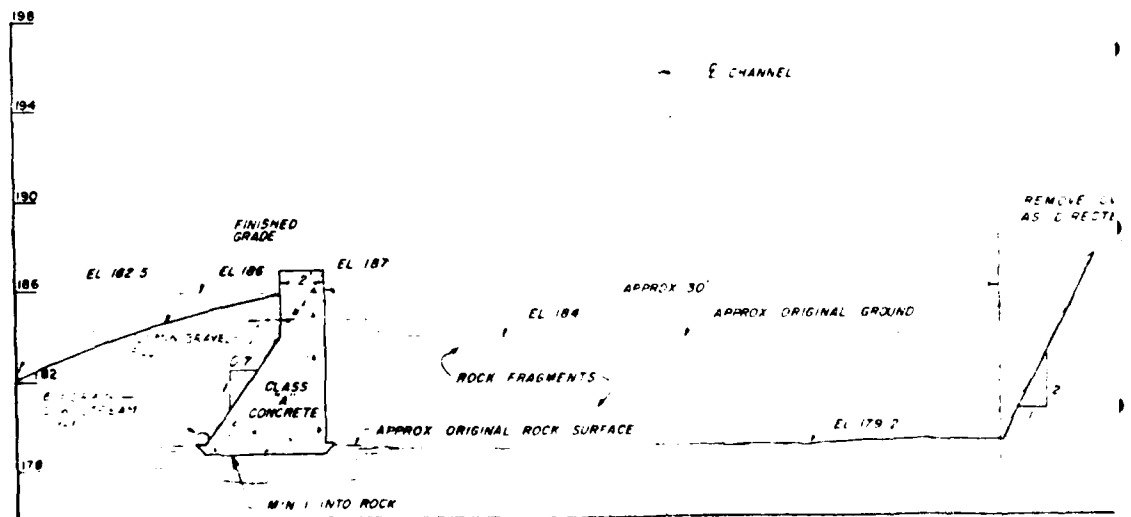
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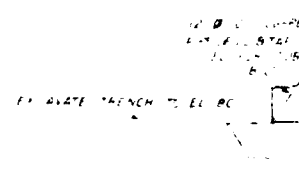
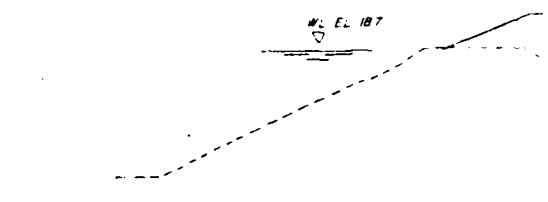
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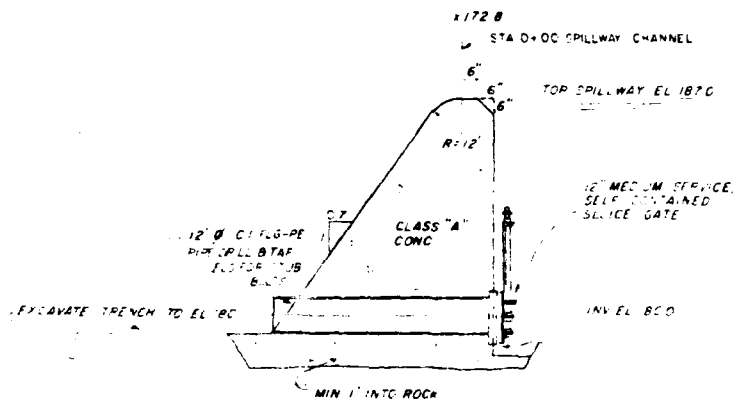
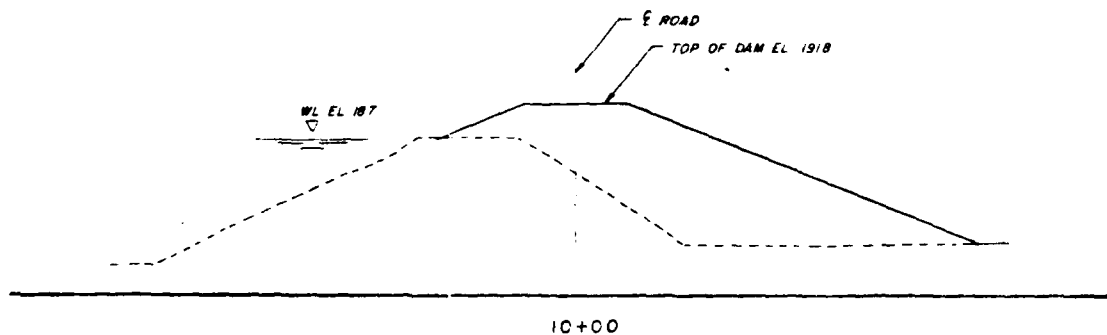
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SPILLWAY AND DRAIN DETAIL
SCALE 3/8" = 1'-0"

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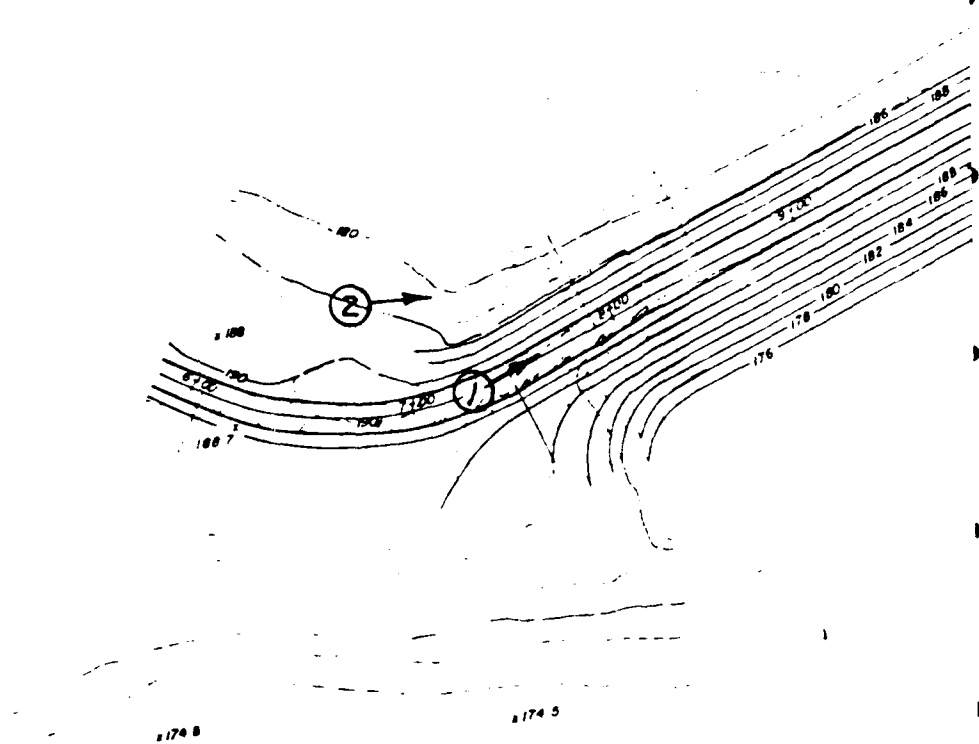
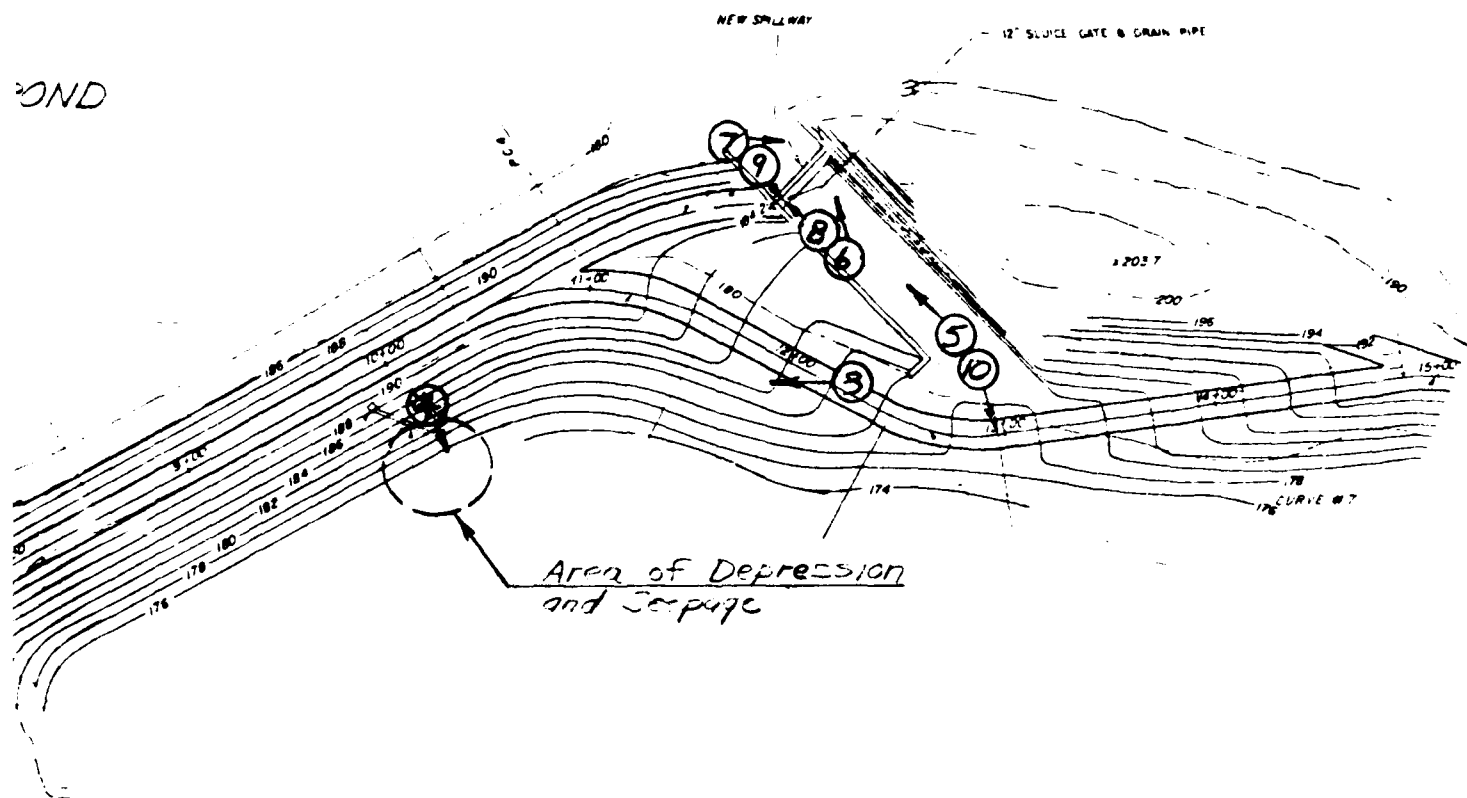


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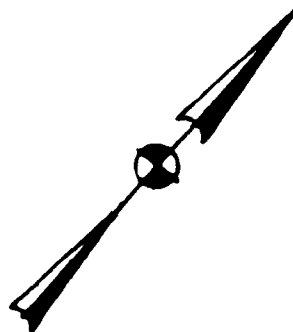
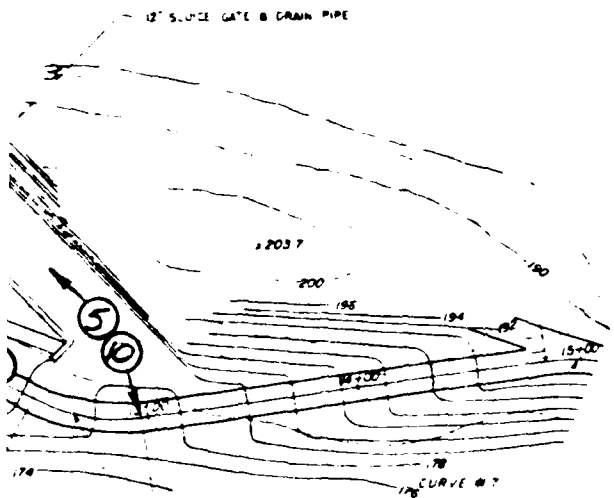
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TOP OF DAM LOOKING NORTH



PHOTO 2
UPSTREAM FACE OF DAM



PHOTO 3
DOWNSTREAM FACE OF DAM

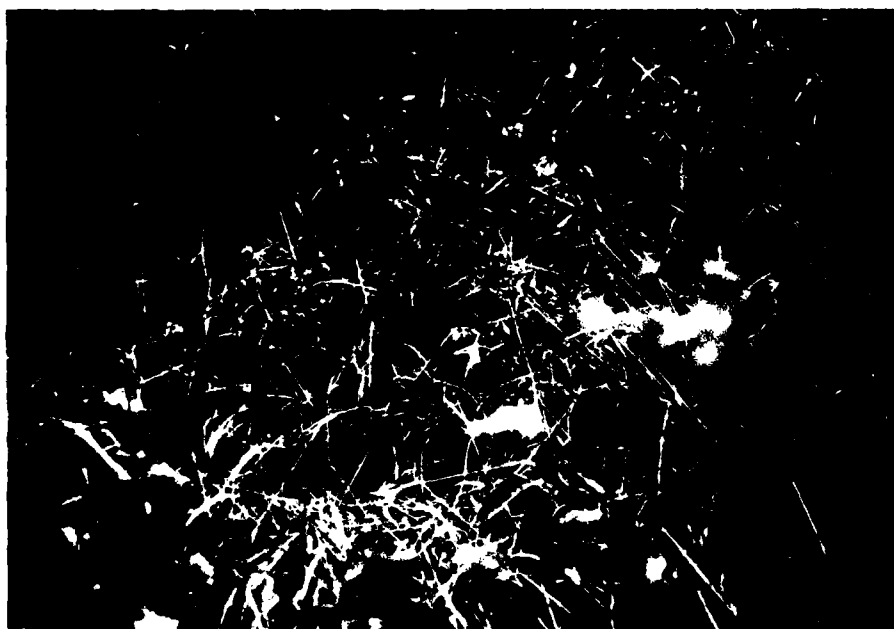


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SEEPAGE - DOWNSTREAM FACE OF DAM



PHOTO 5
SPILLWAY - DOWNSTREAM FACE

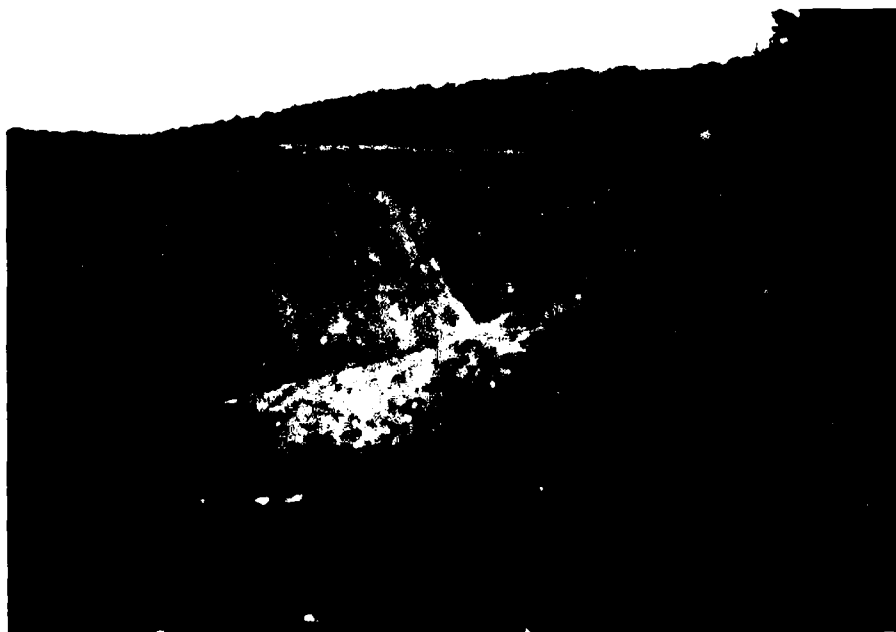


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SPILLWAY - NORTH ABUTMENT - DOWNSTREAM FACE



PHOTO 7

SPILLWAY - NORTH ABUTMENT - UPSTREAM FACE



PHOTO 8

LOW LEVEL DISCHARGE - SPILLWAY



PHOTO 9

GATE STEM - LOW LEVEL DISCHARGE - SPILLWAY



PHOTO 10

DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

APPENDIX D

HYDRAULIC AND HYDROLOGIC COMPUTATIONS

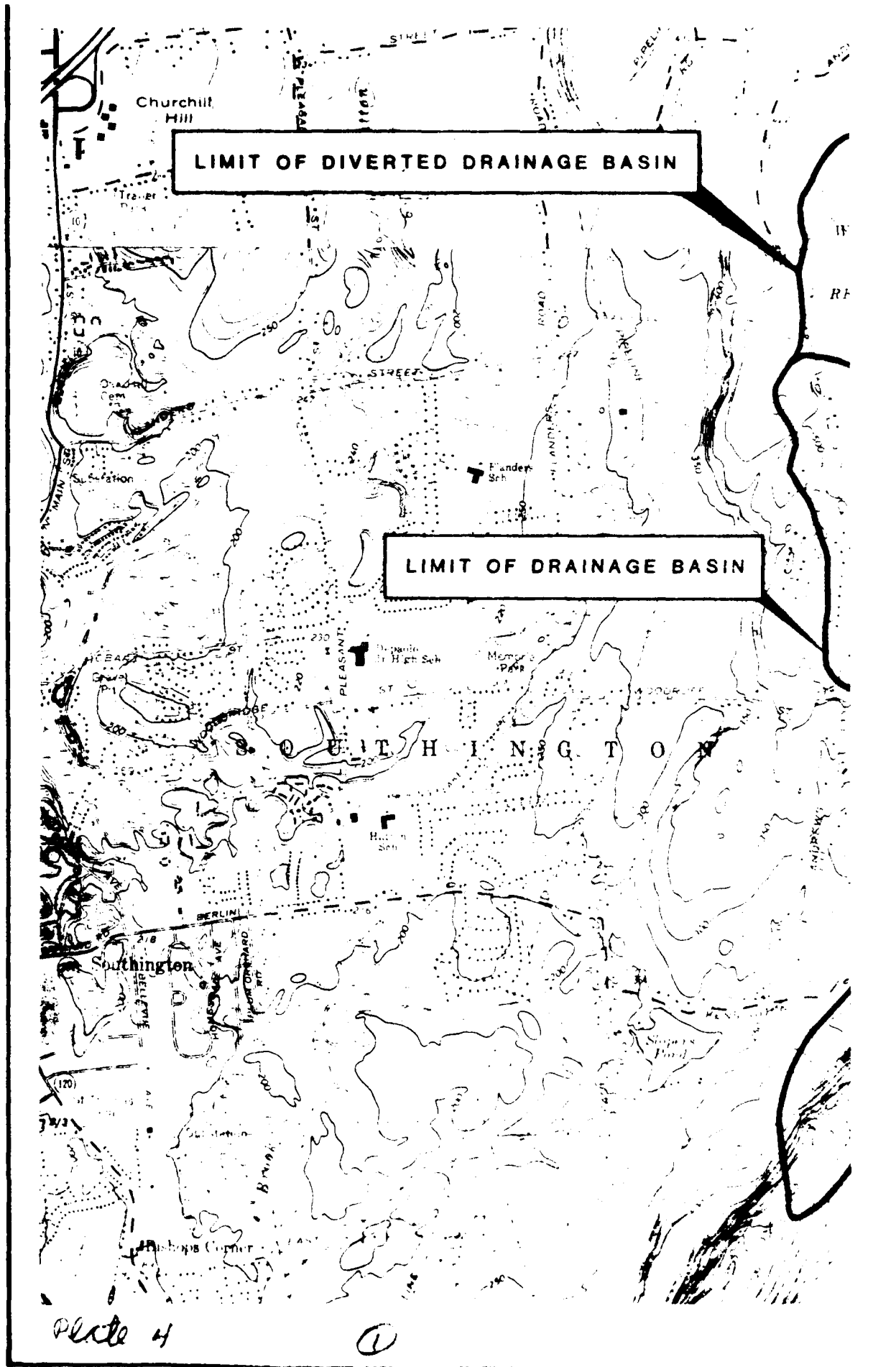


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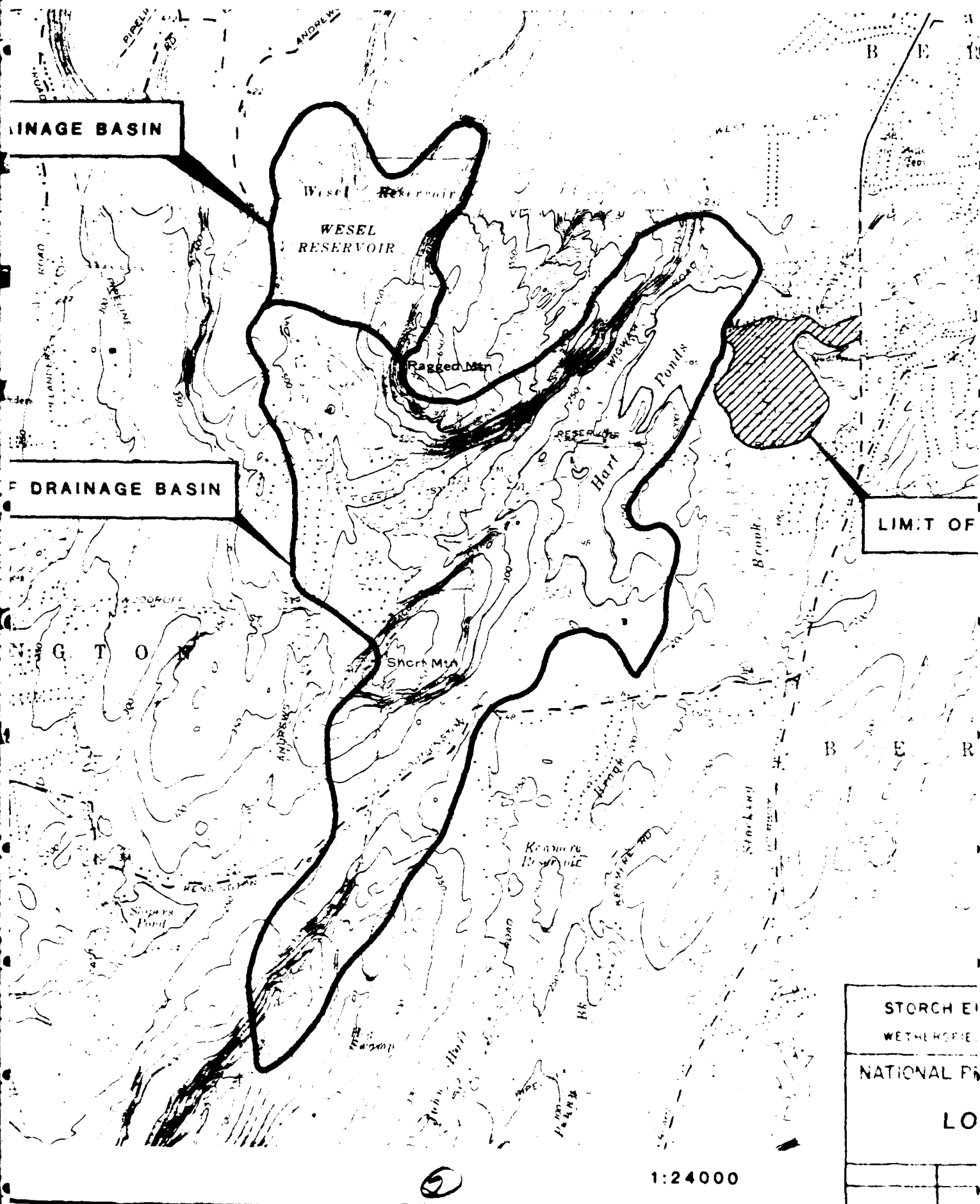




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Determination of Test Flood

NAME OF DAM Upper Hart Pond Dam*

DRAINAGE AREA 1037 acres 1.62 SM

INFLOW Size:

Hazard:

Test Flood: 1/2 PMF

Inflow 2150/2 = 1075 cfs/SM

$$Q = 1075 \times 1.6 = 1741 \text{ cfs}$$

Estimating the effect of surcharge storage on the Maximum Test Flood

1. $Q_{p1} = \underline{1740} \text{ cfs}$

2a. $H_1 = \underline{8'} \text{ (at Key.)}$

b. $STOR_1 = \underline{6.2''}$

c. $Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} (1 - STOR_1/9.5) = \underline{605} \text{ cfs}$

3a. $H_2 = \underline{3.9'}$ $STOR_2 = \underline{2.65''}$

b. $STOR_A = \underline{4.4''}$

$Q_{PA} = \underline{934 \text{ cfs}}$

$H_A =$

$STOR_A =$

Test Flood = 934 cfs

Capacity of the spillway when the pond elevation is at the top of the dam

$Q =$ _____ cfs or _____ % of the Test Flood

* Prior to routing the inflow through Lower Hart Pond it must be routed through Upper Hart Pond.

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Determination of Test Flood

NAME OF DAM Lower Hart Pond Dam

DRAINAGE AREA 0.4 CM (Independent) 2.0 CM (Total)

INFLOW Size: Small Hazard: High Test Flood: 1/2 PMF

assume inflow from Upper Hart Pond and Independent watershed peak simultaneously.

$$\text{Inflow} = 2500/2 = 1250 \text{ cfs/CM}$$

$$Q = 1250(.4) + 934 = 1435 \text{ cfs}$$

Estimating the effect of surcharge storage on the Maximum Test Flood

1. $Q_{p1} = \underline{1435} \text{ cfs}$

2a. $H_1 = \underline{5.5'} \text{ (ex.)}$

b. $STOR_1 = \underline{3.2''}$

c. $Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} (1 - STOR_1) = \underline{906} \text{ cfs}$

3a. $H_2 = \underline{4'} \quad STOR_2 = \underline{2.3''}$

b. $STOR_A = \underline{2.75''}$

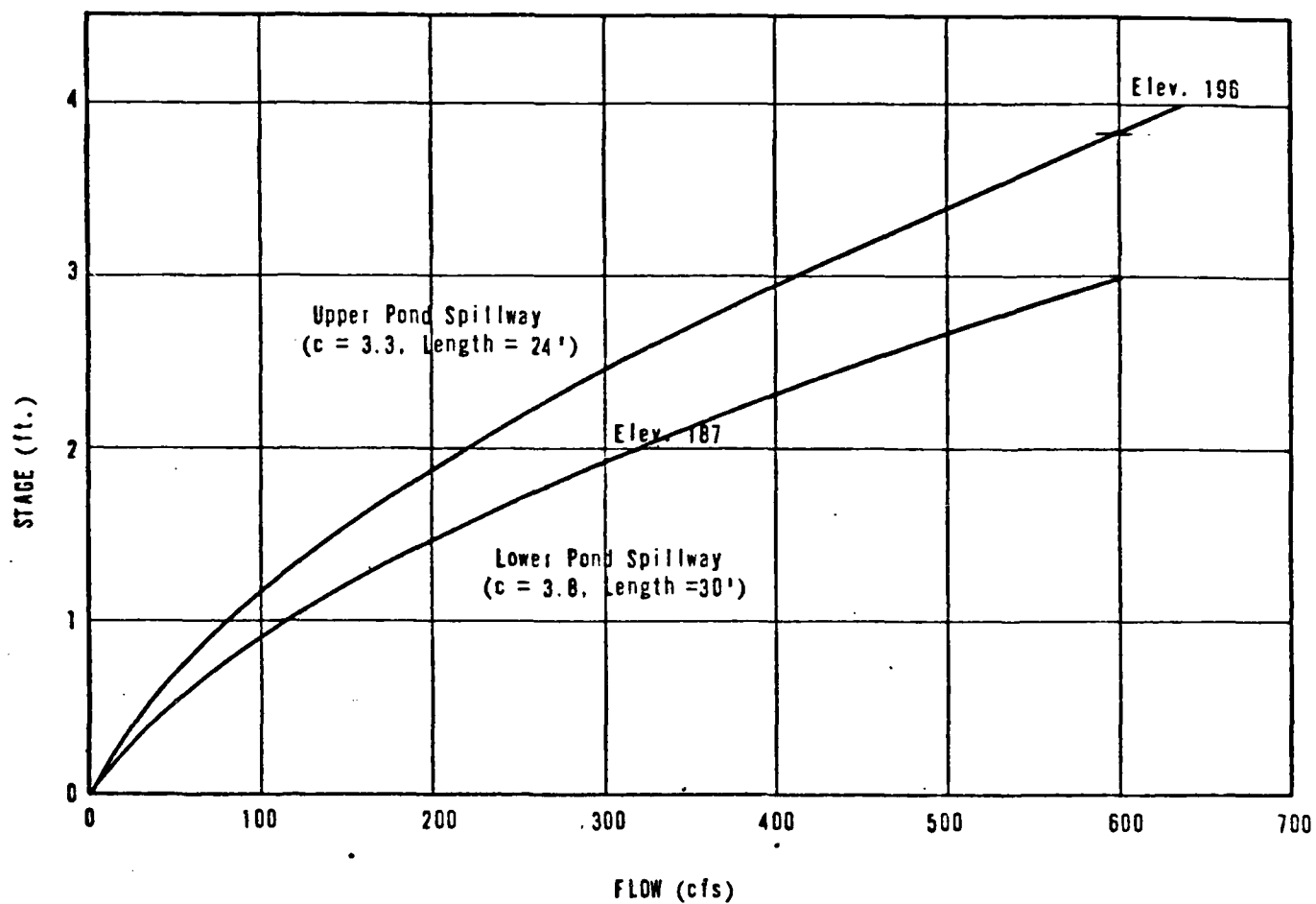
$Q_{PA} = \underline{1020 \text{ cfs}}$

$H_A = \underline{4.4'} \quad STOR_A = \underline{2.6''}$

Test Flood = 1020 cfs

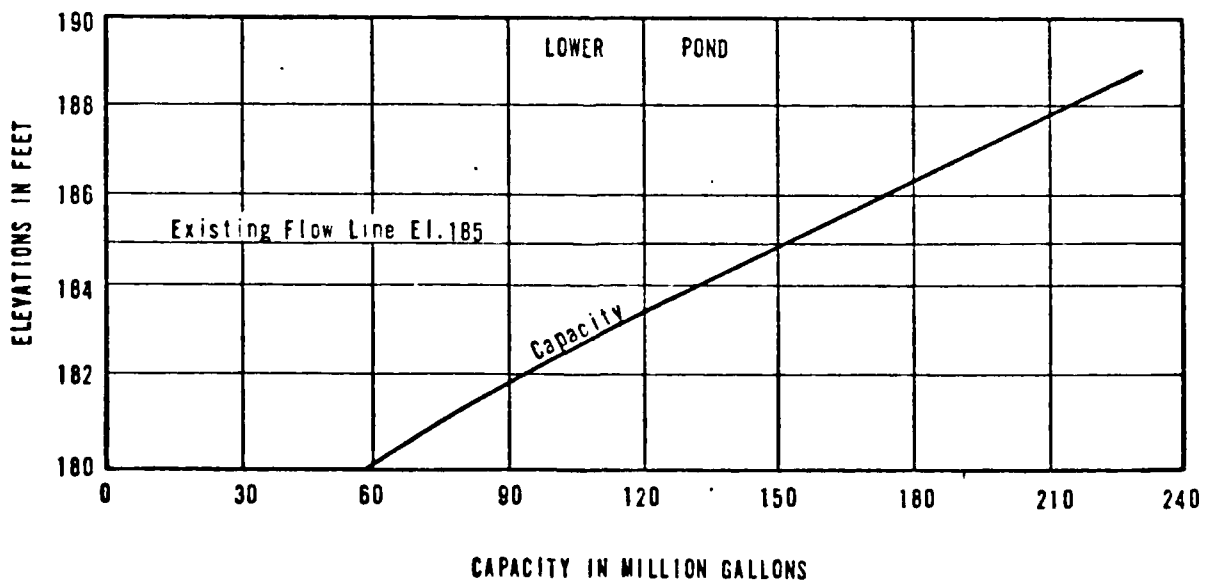
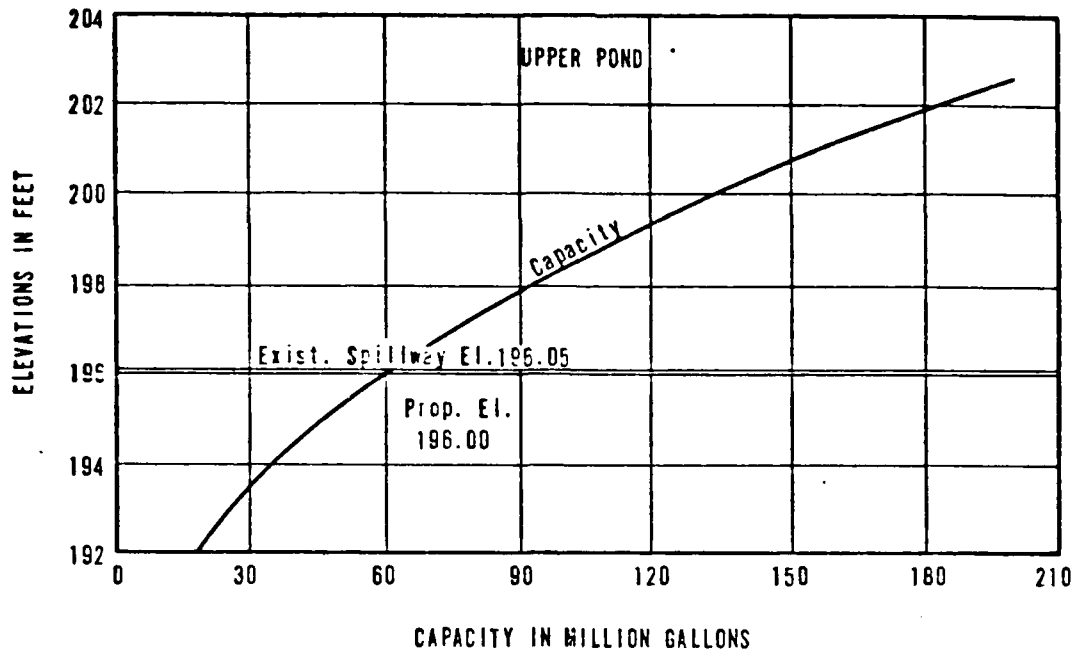
Capacity of the spillway when the pond elevation is at the top of the dam

$Q = \underline{1200} \text{ cfs or } \underline{117} \% \text{ of the Test Flood}$



RATING CURVES FOR
PROPOSED SPILLWAYS
AT HART PONDS

FIGURE A-3



STAGE-CAPACITY CURVES
AT HART PONDS

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Downstream Hydrographs

"Rule of Thumb" Guidance for Estimating Downstream Failure Hydrographs

NAME OF DAM Lower Harts Pond Dam

Section I at Dam

1. $S = \frac{825}{1000} \text{ Acft}$
2. $Q_{p1} = 8/27 W_b \sqrt{g} Y^{3/2} = 8/27 (160) \sqrt{32.2} (17.8)^{3/2} = 20,200 \text{ cfs}$
3. See Sections

Section II at

- 4a. $H_2 = \underline{9.7'}$ $A_2 = \underline{3100 \text{ SF}}$ $L_2 = \underline{1400'}$ $V_2 = \underline{390} \text{ Acft}^*$
- b. $Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} (1 - V_2/S) = \underline{10400} \text{ cfs}$
- c. $H_2 = \underline{6.7'}$ $A_2 = \underline{1900 \text{ SF}}$
 $A_A = \underline{2500 \text{ SF}}$ $V_2 = \underline{290} \text{ Acft}^{**}$
 $H = \underline{7.3'}$
 $Q_{p2} = 20200 (1 - 290/825) = 11100 \text{ cfs}$

Section III at

- 4a. $H_3 = \underline{7.3'}$ $A_3 = \underline{2500 \text{ SF}}$ $L_3 = \underline{600'}$ $V_3 = \underline{34.4} \text{ Acft}$
- b. $Q_{p3} = Q_{p2} (1 - V_3/S) = \underline{12550} \text{ cfs}$
- c. $H_3 = \underline{7.1'}$ $A_3 = \underline{2300 \text{ SF}}$
 $A_A = \underline{2450 \text{ SF}}$ $V_3 = \underline{33.7} \text{ Acft}$
 $H = \underline{6.9'}$
 $Q_{p3} = 11100 (1 - 33.7/825) = 10685 \text{ cfs}$

Section IV at

- 4a. $H_4 = \underline{6.9'}$ $A_4 = \underline{2100 \text{ SF}}$ $L_4 = \underline{700'}$ $V_4 = \underline{33.9} \text{ Acft}$
- b. $Q_{p4} = Q_{p3} (1 - V_4/S) = \underline{10250} \text{ cfs}$
- c. $H_4 = \underline{6.85'}$ $A_4 = \underline{2050 \text{ SF}}$
 $A_A = \underline{2260 \text{ SF}}$ $V_4 = \underline{36.4} \text{ Acft}$
 $H = \underline{6.9'}$
 $Q_{p4} = 10685 (1 - 36.4/825) = 10215 \text{ cfs}$

* Includes peak storage of 290 Acft

** Includes peak storage of 210 Acft

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Downstream Hydrographs (Continued)

Section V at

4a. $H_5 = \underline{25}^1$ $A_5 = \underline{15000}$ $L_5 = \underline{700}$ $V_5 = \underline{596}$ Acft *

b. $Q_{p5} = Q_{p4} (1 - V_5/S) = \underline{2835}$ cfs

c. $H_5 = \underline{12.5}$ $A_5 = \underline{4032}$

$A_A = \underline{5900}$

$V_5 = \underline{145}$ Acft *

$Q_{p5} = 10215(1 - 145/825) = 8420$ cfs

$H = 23.7'$

Section VI at

4a. $H_6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $A_6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $L_6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $V_6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Acft

b. $Q_{p6} = Q_{p5} (1 - V_6/S) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ cfs

c. $H_6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $A_6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$A_A = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$V_6 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Acft

Section VII at

4a. $H_7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $A_7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $L_7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $V_7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Acft

b. $Q_{p7} = Q_{p6} (1 - V_7/S) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ cfs

c. $H_7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ $A_7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$A_A = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$V_7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Acft

$Q_{p7} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

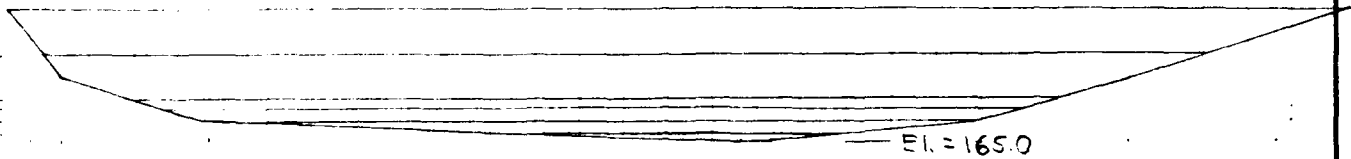
* Includes dead storage of 305 Acft

** Includes dead storage of 50 Acft

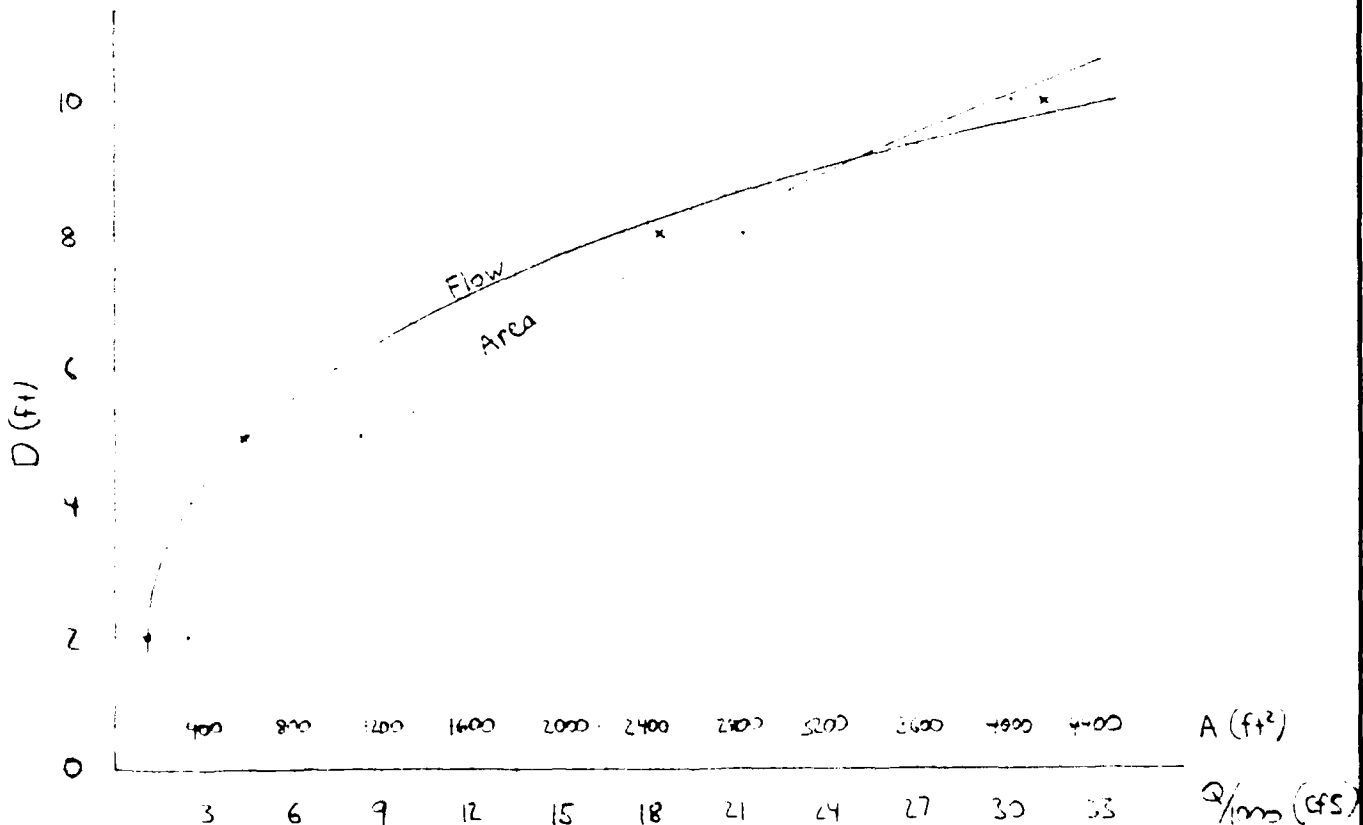
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$S = 0.56\%$
 $n = 0.05$



D	WP	A	R	$R^{2/3}$	$S^{1/2}$	V	Q
2	201	336	1.672	1.409	0.075	3.120	1,052
5	423	1,104	2.286	1.735	"	3.854	4,255
8	576	2,832	4.917	2.891	"	6.421	18,124
10	618	4,032	6.524	3.492	"	7.756	21,272
20	780	11,232	14.400	5.919	"	13.147	147,667
30	903	20,064	22.219	7.904	"	17.556	352,345



HEAD CALCULATIONS FOR CONCRETE CULVERT

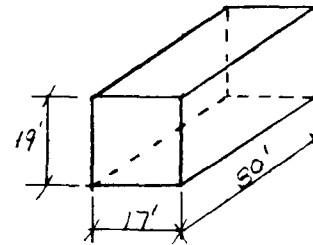
$$H = \left[\frac{1555(1+K_e)}{D^{11}} + \frac{287.04 n^2 L}{D^{14/3}} \right] \left(\frac{Q}{10} \right)^2$$

$n = .012$
 $K = .25$

$y_c = 3.15 \sqrt[3]{\frac{Q^2}{g}}$

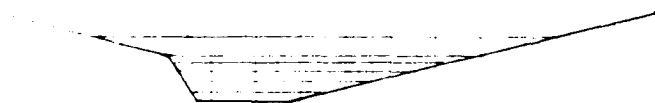
$TW = (19 + y_c)/2$

$HW = H + TW$



Q	L	TW	HW
250	.019	9.8	9.82
500	.05	10.0	10.05
1000	.19	10.2	10.4
1500	1.2	10.9	12.97
5000	4.7	11.7	16.4
7000	10.6	12.3	22.9
10000	16.8	13.0	31.8

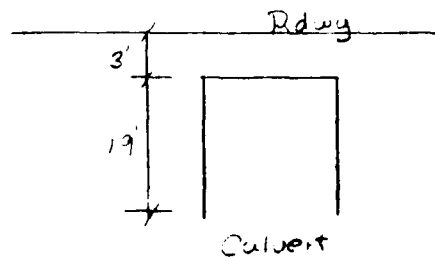
WEIR FLOW CALCULATIONS



$Q = CLH^{1.5}$

$C = 2.55$

L	Q
120	306
130	940
150	1990
180	3675
200	5700



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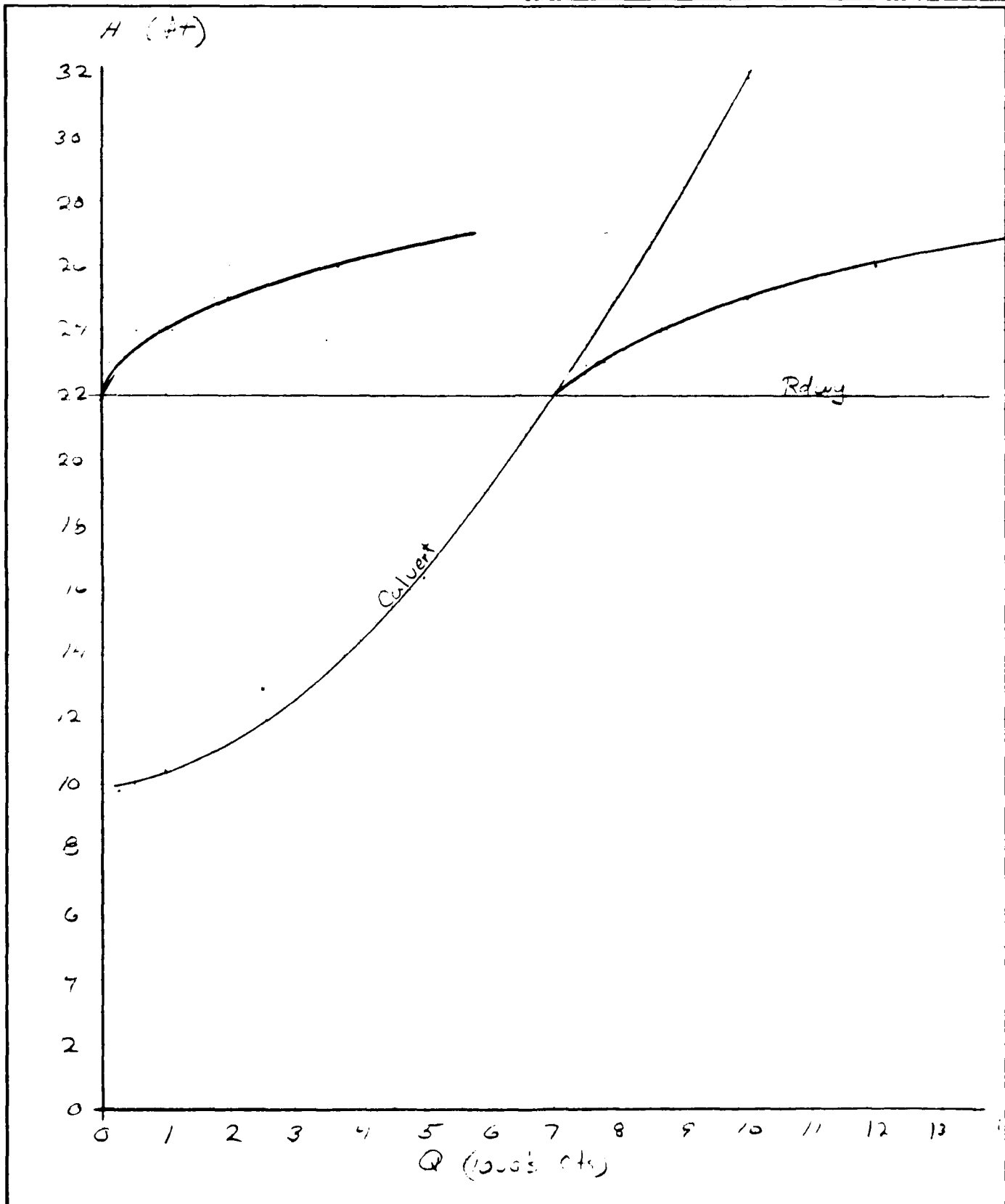
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APPENDIX E

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